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Specimen Deliveries to the MDH Laboratories over the  
Columbus Day, Election Day and Veteran's Day Holidays

The MDH Laboratories will be operating on an abbreviated holiday schedule over the upcoming holidays to receive *Newborn and Clinical* specimens for testing. Our Holiday schedule is as follows:

**MDH Central Laboratory**

Saturday, October 10, 2020	Loading dock open 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM*
Sunday, October 11, 2020	Loading dock open 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Monday, October 12, 2020 (Columbus Day)	<i>Open for Newborn and Clinical testing until 3:00 pm</i>
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day)	<i>Open for Newborn and Clinical testing until 3:00 pm</i>
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (Veteran's Day)	<i>Open for Newborn and Clinical testing until 3:00 pm</i>

\*Newborn specimens will be received until 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 10, 2020.

**MDH Eastern Shore Regional Laboratory (ESRL)**

Saturday, October 10, 2020	Accepting specimen 12:00PM – 4:00PM
Sunday, October 11, 2020	CLOSED
Monday, October 12, 2020 (Columbus Day)	CLOSED
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day)	CLOSED
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (Veteran's Day)	CLOSED

**MDH Western Maryland Regional Laboratory (WMRL)**

Saturday, October 10, 2020	CLOSED
Sunday, October 11, 2020	CLOSED
Monday, October 12, 2020 (Columbus day)	CLOSED
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day)	CLOSED
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (Veteran's Day)	CLOSED

Specimens collected for COVID-19 testing can be stored and transported on cold packs refrigerated (2-8°C) for up to 72 hours after collection before delivery to the MDH Central Laboratory for testing.

Specimens that cannot be delivered for testing at the MDH Central Laboratory within 72 hours after collection must be frozen and stored at > -70°C and transported frozen on dry ice. Therefore, please plan the COVID-19 specimen collection accordingly over the holiday weekend.

If you have any questions/concerns about COVID-19 specimen delivery, please contact the MDH Central Laboratory at 443-681-3924.